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TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE DIGITAL LIBRARY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalized plans to launch a `Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)` to make available all traditional knowledge;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether this data will be regularly updated;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the likely impact of the library on traditional knowledge of medicine in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)&(b): The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) of 35,000 Ayurvedic formulations is being established.Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) was launched for documentation on 26.3.2002.So far 13,234 formulations have been scanned and 32,838 formulations have been transcribed. The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)(Ayurveda) is being converted into 5 languages for establishing prior art i.e. English, French, German, Spanish, Japanese and in Hindi.

(c) to(e): In phase one, 14 Ayurvedic books have been included. Additional books will be taken up later. Since Traditional Knowledge Digial Library (TKDL) (Ayurveda) work has not been exposed for public use yet its Impact cannot be assessed.